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IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS,)
IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS, AND)
IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD)

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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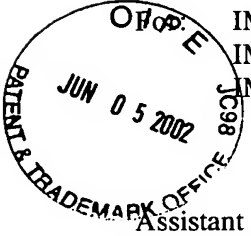
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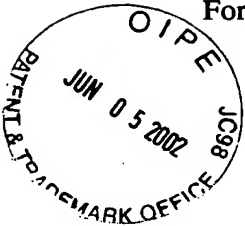
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